Letter no. 36. Saturday. Major J. H. Massey.
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Sweetest darling - The socks arrived today, & they are lovely - I really like them very much, especially the tropical khaki ones, which I am proudly wearing now. And love in every stitch, you said - that is marvellous. did you have to unpick much, darling? And the book too, thankyou, sweet. I will certainly read it, & do my best to understand it. I read Clive Bell's civilisation before, if you remember, & got a bit annoyed with it. Perhaps, after 18 months in the Army, & away from you I might appreciate it more.

I keep on sending off my weekly ration of these things, in the hope that they arrive quicker than the other air mail. But I hope you find them more satisfactory to read than I do to write. It is too much just to send a message, as you do on the p.cs.; & so it just becomes a sort of go between, from my last letter to my next one. I have had 3 letters, two p.cs, & a parcel from you this week, which is wonderful. It has made me feel much nearer to you, which is disappointingly misleading, when I realise that I am no nearer at all.

I wonder so much how you are darling & just when the baby is going to come. The war in the Balkans & N. Africa is getting better & better - & I feel, & pray, that this week has made a very different invasion of Britain. If you are going to go the Lulli Line, sweetheart, & if these cards are what they are supposed to be - that should come to you very near the time. There is really so little that I can say, my beloved darling. I know you will be frightened, & I know you will be brave, as only a true real person like you could be. But I feel certain, & I know you do too, from what the Navy has said, this doing for you, because you are very healthy & normal, that everything will be alright. The last time was a dreadful mistake, & you must not think of it. This time you are being properly cared for, & such things do not happen with a good doctor. And I want a girl as passionately as you do - but if it is a boy, my darling - it will be a lovely one, & we shall both love him very much - & we shall look forwards to the day when we can try again for another girl. You know that I do not mind, you being pregnant - you know that very well, don't you darling? I have loved you all the more, before, & I will do again. I shall pray for the cable to come through to you quickly. Reply to me quickly. And now I shall leave you with all

my heart & be with you. Oh darling, I must leave you. I imagine how much. Please ask your mother, or Joan, to buy you some flowers from me, & please try & imagine that they really are from me, & that all my love & deep & tender affection for you & the baby is with them. God bless you, my sweet lovely darling.

There is nothing new with me. I am very fit & well, working very hard, & very lonely, rather unhappy - & I think of you all the every day.

Summer is coming in, & is beginning to warm up in earnest. There are flocks of flies & mosquitoes & I am being very careful taking all precautions. You need not worry for one moment about me. I'm well organised, & anti-fly measures & food arrangements all fix out of it. I have no intention of catching anything & am living on a lot, darling - & hope they all arrive soon & will never stop writing as much as I possibly can. Please write me more & they come in 10 - 20 days. In addition to letters, please. All dearest, deepest love always - Mary

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